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TREE CLEARANCE AND REMOVAL IN VARYING DEGREES, IS UNDERWAY AT SEVERAL PROBABLE LONG RANGE SAM(PLRS) LAUNCH COMPLEXES, BETWEEN THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITIES AND THE LAUNCH SITES, INDICATING A PROBABLE LINE OF SIGHT REQUIREMENT AND TO MINIMIZE FIRE HAZARD. TREES ARE ALSO BEING REMOVED FROM WITHIN THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITIES AND THE LAUNCH SITES.

COMPLEXES WHERE THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY INCLUDE:

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A. LENINGRAD NORTHWEST PLRS LAUNCH COMPLEX, 60-27N 29-44E, WHERE TREES WERE VIRTUALLY CLEARED FROM WITHIN THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITY BY [REDACTED] AND ADDITIONAL TREE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE FACILITY AND LAUNCH SITES B AND C AND AROUND SITES A AND C WAS ACCOMPLISHED [REDACTED]

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B. LENINGRAD SOUTHWEST PLRS LAUNCH COMPLEX, 59-43N 29-18E, WHERE PARTIAL TREE CLEARANCE WITHIN THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITY AND SWATHS EXTENDING TOWARD LAUNCH SITES A, B AND C WERE PARTIALLY CLEARED BY [REDACTED]

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C. KIMRY PLRS LAUNCH COMPLEX, 56-46N 37-20E, WHERE A WEDGE-SHAPED SWATH EXTENDING FROM THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITY TO LAUNCH SITE C WAS CLEARED BETWEEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. MAJORITY OF TREES BETWEEN THE FACILITY AND THE LAUNCH AREA WERE POSSIBLY REMOVED BY [REDACTED] HAZE LIMITED INTERPRETATION.

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D. KOSTROMA PLRS LAUNCH COMPLEX, 58-13N 41-38E, WHERE THE

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TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITY WAS VIRTUALLY CLEARED OF TREES BETWEEN

[REDACTED] CLEARANCE BETWEEN

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THE FACILITY AND LAUNCH SITES A AND C WAS WELL ALONG.

E. PERESLAVL ZALESSKIY PLRS LAUNCH COMPLEX, 56-45N 38-38E,  
WHERE TREE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITY AND THE  
LAUNCH SITES AND WITHIN LAUNCH SITES A AND C WAS WELL ALONG [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WITH CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS EVIDENT [REDACTED]

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F. KALININ PLRS LAUNCH COMPLEX, 56-37N 35-52E, WHERE NARROW  
BANDS OF TREE CLEARANCE, PROBABLY FOR CABLES, EXTENDING BETWEEN THE  
TRACKING/GUIDANCE FACILITY AND LAUNCH SITES A AND C AND NOT PRESENT ON

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TOP SECRET RUFF. [REDACTED]

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